

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

MARK GREENE,

Plaintiff,

v.

TENNESSEE COMMISSION OF
INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Defendant.

No. 10-1053-III

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

COMES NOW Plaintiff Mark Greene and pleads:

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff Mark Greene is a citizen and resident of the State of Tennessee and a registered lobbyist for the Cherokee Nation, a federally recognized Indian tribe.
2. Defendant Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs (the "Commission") is an agency of the State of Tennessee created pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-34-101 — 4-34-108.

FACTS

3. Mr. Greene seeks legal redress for violations of the Open Meetings Law (T.C.A. §§ 8-44-101 *et seq.*) by the Commission.
4. The Commission's violations of the Open Meetings Law are the culmination of a campaign by several groups that claim to be "remnant" Indian tribes and seek recognition as such from the State of Tennessee.
5. The federal government does not recognize these so-called "remnant" groups as Indian tribes.
6. The Cherokee Nation opposes recognition of so-called "remnant" tribes because these groups base their claims on unreliable documentation of Indian ancestry and tribal history.

7. Furthermore, some groups take the name "Cherokee," which the Cherokee Nation contends is applicable only to three federally recognized tribes.

8. If states mistakenly recognize non-Indians as "remnant tribes," these groups will confuse the public and misappropriate legitimate tribes' cultural identity by, for example, marketing fake "Indian" crafts, conveying inaccurate information about Indian cultures and rituals to the public, and competing for federal grants, scholarships and minority contracts available to members of genuine Indian tribes.

9. In 2009 and 2010, several "remnant" groups petitioned the General Assembly to enact legislation granting them state recognition as Indian tribes.

10. Proposed legislation granting recognition or creating a recognition process administered by the Secretary of State ultimately failed.

11. In addition, proposed legislation extending the life of the Commission, which began winding down on June 30, 2009 and will expire on June 30, 2010, failed.

12. In 2009, the Commission began the process of promulgating rules pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-34-103(6), which requires the Commission to

[e]stablish appropriate procedures to provide for legal recognition by the state of presently unrecognized tribes, nations, groups, communities or individuals, and to provide for official state recognition by the commission of such[.]

13. Such rules must be adopted pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, T.C.A. §§ 4-5-101 *et seq.* (the "UAPA").

14. Following a rulemaking hearing on August 8, 2009, the Commission adopted rules implementing T.C.A. § 4-34-103(6) on January 23, 2010.

15. Following approval by the Attorney General, the Commission filed the rules with the Secretary of State on February 16, 2010. A copy of the rules is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 (the "Recognition Rules")

16. Pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-207, the Recognition Rules would have become effective after ninety days on May 17, 2010.

17. On April 27, 2010, however, the House and Senate Government Operations Committees separately and independently stayed the Recognition Rules for sixty days, until June 27, 2010, pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-215.

18. Pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-215, upon the expiration of the stay, the remaining twenty-day balance of the statutory waiting period resumes running and must be completed before the Recognition Rules become effective.

19. This posed a dilemma for the Commission, because the Commission expires on June 30, 2010, before the Recognition Rules become effective.

20. To escape this dilemma, the Commission purported to adopt the Recognition Rules as "standing" rules and immediately recognize six "remnant" groups — Remnant Yuchi Nation, United Eastern Lenape Nation of Winfield, Tennessee, Chikamaka Band, Central Band of Cherokee, Cherokee Wolf Clan, Tanasi Council — pursuant to these "standing" rules at its June 19, 2010, meeting.

21. The purported adoption of the Recognition Rules was ineffective: those rules must be adopted pursuant to UAPA procedures and the Commission failed to comply with those procedures.

22. The Commission's actions at the June 19, 2010 meeting were also void because the Commission conducted the meeting in violation of the Open Meetings Law.

23. The Commission violated the Open Meetings Law by failing to give adequate public notice of the meeting, in violation of T.C.A. § 8-44-103.

24. The Commission's notice of the June 19, 2010 meeting, in the form of a meeting agenda, was inadequate because it did not disclose and misled the public concerning the Commission's intention to deliberate at the meeting whether to adopt the Recognition Rules as "standing" rules and whether to recognize "remnant" groups pursuant to these "standing" rules.

25. Instead of disclosing these two significant items of business, under the heading "New Business," the agenda simply stated,

2. Standing Rules

3. Recognition Criteria progress

a. Status

A copy of the Commission's agenda is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

26. Before the meeting, the Cherokee Nation, through counsel, inquired whether the Commission would consider and act upon applications for recognition at the June 19, 2010 meeting. The Commission, through counsel, responded in the negative. See Affidavit of Robert D. Tuke, filed contemporaneously herewith.

27. In addition to providing inadequate notice, the Commission deliberated in secret before and during the June 19, 2010 meeting whether to adopt the Recognition Rules as "standing rules" and recognize the "remnant" groups before the June 19, 2010 meeting, in violation of the Open Meetings Law, T.C.A. § 8-44-102(a).

28. The *Lawrence County Advocate* reported that the Commission informed a group calling itself the "Central Band of Cherokees" on June 18, 2010 that it would be granted recognition at the Commission's meeting the following day. A copy of this newspaper report is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

29. Commission members came prepared to adopt the Recognition Rules as "standing rules" and recognize the "remnant" groups, despite the absence of prior public notice.

30. The Commission had prepared certificates of recognition in advance of the meeting, which were given to the newly-recognized "remnant" groups at the June 19, 2010 meeting.

31. The Commission's secretive and misleading behavior at and leading up to the June 19, 2010 meeting is consistent with the Commission's resistance to Mr. Greene's efforts to monitor its activities on behalf of the Cherokee Nation.

32. Mr. Greene, on behalf of the Cherokee Nation, had attended all of the Commission's monthly public meetings since November 2009.

33. Beginning at the Commission's January 2010 meeting, Commission members and members of "remnant" groups in attendance treated Mr. Greene with open hostility, objecting to his "outsider" status and the fact that he represented "non-indigenous" Indians.

34. Immediately after adopting the rules for recognition of "remnant" tribes, but before the rules could become effective, the Commission solicited "remnant" groups to submit applications for recognition. When Mr. Greene requested to review these applications, pursuant to the Open Records Law (T.C.A. §§ 10-7-501 *et seq.*), the Commission responded by returning the application materials to the applicants and claiming it no longer had custody of the materials.

35. On January 26, 2010, Commissioner Tammera Hicks sent an e-mail to applicants for recognition stating in relevant part: "Let me assure each and everyone that copies of your application and documents shall not be distributed to anyone outside the Commission. That will not be tolerated." A copy of this e-mail is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

36. The Commission's resistance to Mr. Greene's scrutiny continued and grew to the point that during the May 22, 2010 Commission meeting, Commissioner Jimmie Thigpen said to Mr. Greene that if the Commission meeting had been a "war party," Mr. Greene would be "shot."

37. After this threat, Mr. Greene wrote to the Commissioner of Environment and Conservation, to which the Commission is administratively attached, requesting that security be provided at subsequent meetings.

38. The Commission persisted in its hostile behavior toward Mr. Greene and in its disregard for the Open Meetings and Open Records Laws at the June 19, 2010 meeting.

39. When Mr. Greene – who attended the meeting on behalf of his client – requested to view the six tribal recognition requests considered by the Commission at the meeting, the Commission refused.

40. When the Commission began discussing the recognition applications, the Commission members huddled together and spoke in hushed tones.

41. When Mr. Greene and others approached the table at which the Commission members were seated in order to hear their discussions, the Commission members directed them to return to their seats.

42. The Commission then purported to adopt the Recognition Rules as "standing rules" and to recognize the "remnant" groups as Indian tribes pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-34-103(6), despite the lack of adequate public notice, after secret deliberations before and during the meeting, and despite the lack of properly adopted and legally effective rules for doing so.

COUNT 1

Violation of the Open Meetings Law — Inadequate Notice

43. The foregoing allegations are incorporated by reference.

44. Pursuant to T.C.A. § 8-44-103, the Commission must give "adequate public notice" of any previously scheduled or special meeting.

45. The Commission's notice of its June 19, 2010 meeting, by expressly stating that the Commission would discuss the status of the adoption of recognition criteria pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-34-103(6), but failing to state that the Commission would discuss and act upon proposals to adopt the Recognition Rules as "standing" rules and would discuss and act upon applications for recognition, was materially misleading.

46. By providing a materially misleading notice, the Commission provided inadequate notice of its meeting, in violation of T.C.A. § 8-44-103.

47. Mr. Greene is therefore entitled to a judgment that the Commission's actions at the June 19, 2010 meeting are void and of no effect, pursuant to T.C.A. § 8-44-105, and to a permanent injunction forbidding further violations of T.C.A. §§ 8-44-101 — 8-44-111 and requiring the Commission to publicly withdraw, revoke, and repudiate any documents, instruments, certificates, or other indicia of its purported recognition of any group pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-34-103(6).

COUNT 2

Violation of the Open Meetings Law — Secret Deliberations

48. The foregoing allegations are incorporated by reference.

49. Pursuant to T.C.A. § 8-44-101(a), it is “the policy of this state that the formation of public policy and decisions is public business and shall not be conducted in secret.”

50. Pursuant to T.C.A. § 8-44-102(a), “All meetings of any governing body are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times, except as provided by the Constitution of Tennessee.”

51. The agenda for the Commission’s June 19, 2010 meeting made no mention of considering applications for recognition, yet the members of the Commission came prepared to consider and act upon such applications, had informed applicants for recognition before the meeting that their applications would be approved at the meeting, and had prepared certificates to issue to groups granted recognition by the Commission.

52. The Commission therefore secretly discussed and agreed, before the June 19, 2010 public meeting, to consider and act upon applications for recognition at the June 19, 2010 meeting, in violation of T.C.A. §§ 8-44-101(a) and 8-44-102(a).

53. Mr. Greene is therefore entitled to a judgment that the Commission’s actions at the June 19, 2010 meeting are void and of no effect, pursuant to T.C.A. § 8-44-105, and to a permanent injunction forbidding further violations of T.C.A. §§ 8-44-101 — 8-44-111 and requiring the Commission to publicly withdraw, revoke, and repudiate any documents, instruments, certificates, or other indicia of its purported recognition of any group pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-34-103(6).

WHEREFORE Mr. Greene requests the Court to:

(a) Pursuant to T.C.A. § 8-44-105, enter judgment declaring that the following actions taken at the June 19, 2010 meeting are void and without effect:

1. The Commission’s purported adoption of the Recognition Rules as “standing rules”; and

2. The Commission's purported recognition of the "Remnant Yuchi Nation," "United Eastern Lenape Nation of Winfield, Tennessee," "Chikamaka Band," "Central Band of Cherokee," "Cherokee Wolf Clan," and "Tanasi Council," as Indian tribes pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-34-103(6);

(b) Enter a permanent injunction:

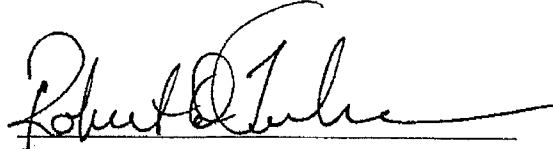
1. Requiring the Commission and any successor in interest thereto to comply with the Open Meetings Law;
2. Forbidding the Commission and any other agency or instrumentality of the State of Tennessee to take any action to enforce, publicize, or promote the Commission's purported recognition as Indian tribes the "Remnant Yuchi Nation," "United Eastern Lenape Nation of Winfield, Tennessee," "Chikamaka Band," "Central Band of Cherokee," "Cherokee Wolf Clan," or "Tanasi Council," as Indian tribes pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-34-103(6); and
3. Requiring the Commission and any successor in interest thereto to publicly withdraw, revoke, and repudiate any documents, instruments, certificates, or other indicia of its purported recognition of as Indian tribes the "Remnant Yuchi Nation," "United Eastern Lenape Nation of Winfield, Tennessee," "Chikamaka Band," "Central Band of Cherokee," "Cherokee Wolf Clan," or "Tanasi Council," as Indian tribes pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-34-103(6), including without limitation by deleting any references to such purported recognition on the Commission's official web site and by notifying news media organizations known to cover in Native American affairs that such recognition has been declared void;

(c) Award Mr. Greene his reasonable attorney fees and expenses;

(d) Tax the costs of this action to the Commission; and

(e) Grant all other relief that is necessary or appropriate.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Tuke", written over a horizontal line.

Robert D. Tuke (BPR No. 004650)

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF TENNESSEE

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COUNTY OF DAVIDSON

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I, Mark Greene, have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and aver that that the factual allegations contained therein, except where expressly stated otherwise, are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.




Mark Greene

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME
on this 30th day of June, 2010, to
certify which witness my hand and
my seal.



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Notary Public

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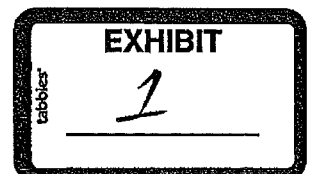
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Rule(s) Revised (ALL chapters and rules contained in filing must be listed here. If needed, copy and paste additional tables. Please enter only ONE Rule Number/Rule Title per row)

Chapter Number	Chapter Title
0785-01	Recognition Criteria For Native American Indians
Rule Number	Rule Title
0785-01-.01	General
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0785-01-.03	Procedures for Petitioning for Recognition
0785-01-.04	Changes in Membership Lists and the Roll
0785-01-.05	Administrative Review



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Chapter 0785-01 Recognition Criteria For Native American Indians

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0785-01-.01 General

(1) General

(a) Purpose

To establish criteria procedures to provide for legal recognition by the state of Tennessee of Native American Indians.

(b) Use of Number and Gender

As used in these Rules:

- (1) Words in the masculine gender also include the feminine and neuter genders;
- (2) Words in the singular include the plural; and
- (3) Words in the plural include the singular.

(c) Rule Structure

These Rules are organized, numbered, and referenced according to the following outline form:

(1) paragraph

(a) subparagraph

1. part

(i) subpart

(l) item

I. subitem

A. section

(A) subsection

(2) Definitions

When used in Rules 0785-01-.01 through .05, the following terms have the meanings given below unless otherwise specified:

"Act" means Tennessee Code Annotated Section 4-34-101 et seq., Commission of Indian Affairs.

"Applicant" means Native American Indian groups applying for Nation, Tribe, or Community recognition in Tennessee.

"Commission" means the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs.

"List" means the updated membership list to be submitted to the Commission by applicants and recognized Nations, Tribes, and Communities.

"Nation," "Tribe," and "Community" for the purposes of these Rules, means an assembly of Indian people who are related to each other by blood or kinship and includes "band" and "clan."

"Recognized" means being acknowledged as a Native American Nation, Tribe, or Community by the State of Tennessee.

"Roll" means the official list of recognized Native American Nations, Tribes, and Communities in Tennessee.

"State" means the State of Tennessee.

Authority: T.C.A. § 4-34-103

0785-01-.02 Recognition Criteria for Tennessee Native American Indian Nations, Tribes, or Communities

(1) Eligibility for recognition shall be determined using the following criteria:

- (a) The applicant for recognition is indigenous to Tennessee and has been identified on a substantially continuous basis as Native American Indians throughout the history of their group;
- (b) A majority of the applicant inhabits a particular geographic area in Tennessee or lives in a community in Tennessee viewed as Native American Indian and distinct from all other populations in the geographic area, and a majority of its members consist of individuals who have established verifiable documented descendency from an Indian tribe which has historically inhabited the State of Tennessee;
- (c) The applicant has maintained tribal political influence or other authority over its members, or is able to demonstrate their existence as a continuous, distinct cultural entity capable of self-regulation, throughout their history until the present; and
- (d) The membership of the applicant is composed of a majority of persons who are not members of any other North American Indian federal or state recognized tribe.

(2) The following information shall be provided to the Commission for review:

- (a) A copy of the applicant's present governing document and/or a statement describing in full the membership criteria and the procedures through which the group governs its affairs and members;
- (b) A list of all known current members of the group and a copy of any available list of former members, based on the tribe's own defined criteria;
- (c) A history of the applicant from 1900 to present (maximum of 2000 words, unless an exception is granted by the Commission) written by a professional historian or anthropologist;
- (d) The applicant shall also submit additional information including one (1) or more of the following:
 - 1. Documented traditions, customs and legends that demonstrate the group's Native American Indian cultural heritage; and/or

2. Letters, statements, and documents from city, county, state, or federal authorities that document a history of tribal related business and activities that specifically address Native American Indian culture, preservation, and affairs; and/or
 3. Letters, statements, and documents from federal or state recognized tribes in and/or outside of Tennessee which attest to the Indian heritage of the group; and/or
 4. Other compelling documentation acceptable by the Commission that shows the heritage of the applicant; and
- (e) A signed and notarized statement from the officers of the applicant affirming that, to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief, the information provided is true and accurate.

Authority: T.C.A. § 4-34-103

0785-01-.03 Procedures for Petitioning for Recognition

- (1) An Application for Recognition form with appropriate instructions for completion and submission on the back shall be developed and approved by the Commission. It shall be available on request by writing to the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs at the address below. Complete applications and supporting documentation are to be sent to:

Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Office of General Counsel
401 Church Street
L&C Tower, 20th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

- (2) The Commission shall appoint a Review Committee, consisting of three (3) members of the Commission, to review applications and supporting documentation for completeness and to work with applicants to achieve completeness. A record shall be maintained of all applications and appropriate information, including, but not limited to, the date received, date determined complete, date presented to the Commission and the Commission's decision. The Review Committee shall review an application within six (6) months of the submittal date.
- (3) If the application and required documentation are complete, the Committee will present the information to the Commission for review. Applicant(s) shall be notified in writing of the date, time and location of the Commission meeting at which the application is to be considered.
- (4) The Commission will either approve or deny the application within twelve (12) months of the application being determined complete by the Review Committee. The Commission may request additional information from the applicant.
- (5) The Commission will notify each applicant in writing of the Commission's decision.
- (6) Applications pending under the former Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs may be processed using the new criteria following the effective date of these rules. Applicants shall be contacted in writing and advised accordingly. The Commission and/or the Review Committee may request the applicant to provide updated or additional information.
- (7) An applicant may, at any time prior to approval, withdraw their application and supporting documentation by writing to the Commission at the address in paragraph (1) of this Rule and may request the return of all submitted documents.
- (8) An applicant applying the recognition shall specify all submitted documentation that is to be returned to the applicant following the decision of the Commission or withdrawal by the applicant of the submitted application. All documents returned to the applicant shall be at the applicant's expense.

- (9) The roll of all approved for recognition shall be maintained current by the Commission and posted on the Commission's web site.

Authority: T.C.A. § 4-34-103

0785-01-.04 Changes in Membership Lists and the Roll

- (1) Every two (2) years from their date of recognition, Nations, Tribes, or Communities recognized pursuant to the rules herein contained shall notify the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs of any changes in membership criteria and subsequent additions or deletions of members at the address in paragraph (1) of Rule 0785-01-.03.
- (2) Any recognized Nation, Tribe, or Community may terminate its recognition by submitting written notice to the Chairperson of the Commission. The Commission, at its next meeting, shall vote to remove the name from the roll.

Authority: T.C.A. § 4-34-103

0785-01-.05 Administrative Review

Applicants (Nations, Tribes, or Communities) who disagree with the denial of their application for recognition may use the following procedure to seek a contested case hearing before the Commission pursuant to Section 4-5-223 through 225 of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act.

- (1) When an affected applicant disagrees with the denial of an application for recognition based upon the contention that such action is an illegal application of rules and/or statutes or such action is based upon invalid rules or statutes, the applicant may petition the Commission for a declaratory order.
- (2) Upon receipt of such a petition, the Commission may convene a contested case hearing pursuant to the provisions of T. C. A. Sections 4-5-101 et seq.
- (3) The Commission may refuse to issue a declaratory order or fail to set a petition for a contested case hearing within 60 days of receipt of the petition. In either case, the affected applicant may apply for a declaratory judgment pursuant T. C. A. Section 4-5-225.

Authority: T.C.A. § 4-34-103

* If a roll-call vote was necessary, the vote by the Agency on these rulemaking hearing rules was as follows:

Board Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Signature (If required)
Christine Goddard	X				
Alice Henry	X				
Tammera Hicks	X				
Charles A. Lawson	X				
James Everett Meeks	X				
Valerie Ohle				X	
Jimmie Thigpin	X				

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of rulemaking hearing rules, lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs on 01/23/2010, and is in compliance with the provisions of TCA 4-5-222.

I further certify the following:

Notice of Rulemaking Hearing filed with the Department of State on: 05/19/09

Notice published in the Tennessee Administrative Register on: 06/15/09

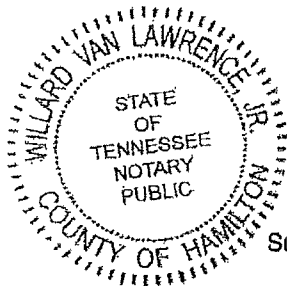
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Date: 1/25/2010

Signature: Tammera Hicks

Name of Officer: Tammera Hicks

Title of Officer: Chairperson



Subscribed and sworn to before me on: 1/25/10

Notary Public Signature: Willard Van Lawrence Jr.

My commission expires on: 2/12/11

All rulemaking hearing rules provided for herein have been examined by the Attorney General and Reporter of the State of Tennessee and are approved as to legality pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

RE Cooper Jr.

Robert E. Cooper, Jr.
Attorney General and Reporter

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One copy of a document containing responses to comments made at the public hearing must accompany the filing pursuant to T.C.A. §4-5-222. Agencies shall include only their responses to public hearing comments, which can be summarized. No letters of inquiry from parties questioning the rule will be accepted. When no comments are received at the public hearing, the agency need only draft a memorandum stating such and include it with the Rulemaking Hearing Rule filing. Minutes of the meeting will not be accepted. Transcripts are not acceptable.

Comment: Several commenters are opposed to the re-adoption of the Rules establishing recognition criteria because the rules were repealed over the commenters' objections and it left the affected parties to seek state enrollment from the Tennessee Legislature.

Response: The authority to grant recognition to a Tennessee Native American tribe currently resides only with the state legislature and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. However, because Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-34-103 grants the Commission of Indian Affairs the ability to develop criteria for recognition and to promulgate rules to effect recognition of Tennessee Native American tribes, the Commission is carrying out the duties assigned to it by the General Assembly.

Comment: Several commenters are opposed to the re-adoption of the Rules establishing recognition criteria because of a serious concern over a member of the Commission misusing private information making many feel very uncomfortable trusting giving any information to the Commission as long as this person is involved. Other commenters expressed their general distrust of the Commission as a reason to oppose adoption of these rules. Another commenter does not believe that the Commission with its current leadership should regain any duties or authority over recognition criteria.

Response: There is no mechanism within the rulemaking procedure that addresses a lack of confidence in the agency promulgating new rules.

Comment: Several commenters are opposed to the re-adoption of the Rules establishing recognition criteria because the Commission is being sunset by the Tennessee General Assembly. One commenter objected to any action taken by the Commission that closely resembles "New Business" during the time of Sunset, and considered this Rulemaking Hearing to be illegal under the Statutes of State of Tennessee.

Response: Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-112 states in part: "[T]ermination shall not diminish, reduce, or limit the powers or authorities of each respective governmental entity." Therefore, the Commission of Indian Affairs is authorized to carry out its duties, which include developing and enacting recognition criteria, until the date of sunset.

Comment: A commenter is opposed to the re-adoption of the Rules establishing recognition criteria because the commission, in the commenter's opinion, has a history of being ineffective in carrying out its mandates.

Response: There is no mechanism within the rulemaking procedure that addresses a lack of confidence in the agency promulgating new rules.

Comment: Several commenters believe that it is important to have recognition criteria whether or not the Commission is to be Sunset by the Tennessee General Assembly. These commenters wanted recognition to stay in the hands of Tennesseans and not with outside groups or the Legislature. In addition, these commenters believe that having good criteria protects legitimate groups from fraudulent groups being recognized.

Response: This is the primary reason why the Commission of Indian Affairs undertakes this rulemaking.

Comment: A commenter quoted paragraph (2) of Rule 0785-01-.03, which reads as follows: "The Commission shall appoint a Review Committee, consisting of three (3) members of the Commission, to review applications and supporting documentation for completeness and to work with applicants to achieve completeness. A record shall be maintained of all applications and

appropriate information, including, but not limited to, the date received, date determined complete, date presented to the Commission and the Commission's decision. The Review Committee shall review an application within six (6) months of the submittal date." The commenter said this issue affects the whole Tennessee indigenous American Indian Population. Since the Commission has issues individually, a selection of a subset of the Commission will be viewed even more critically. In the opinion of the commenter, it would seem best that the whole Commission be a part of the endeavor.

Response: The Commission of Indian Affairs maintains the ultimate authority granted by the General Assembly (Tenn. Code § 4-34-103) to create the process as contained in the proposed rules.

Comment: A commenter suggested that an appointment from the Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives and an appointment by the Lt. Governor to work with the Commission to maintain propriety would be most helpful in allaying the fears of those who do not trust the Commission in part or in whole.

Response: The suggestion of additional oversight over the Commission of Indian Affairs is outside the purview of the current statute (Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-34-101 et seq.) that governs the affairs of the agency. Any additional procedures or entities involved with the agency would necessarily be addressed by new legislation by the General Assembly. As such, the agency would direct the commenter(s) to their representative or senator who serves their district in the General Assembly to effect the suggested changes in the statute.

Comment: A commenter states that the need to reinstate Native American Recognition Criteria is obvious on its face and upon serious examination of the facts of economic deprivation faced by Native Americans in Tennessee. The state does not accord minority status to Native Americans residing within its borders. Artisans wishing to promote their works as Native American artwork are prohibited from doing so as a Tennessee Native American under current conditions. Programs, capable of providing support services for Native Americans that are eligible for federal assistance funding or enhancement cannot presently apply for that assistance because of the lack of state recognition criteria. Educational programs designed to augment state school systems in servicing Native American children are going without those designated federal funding dollars because Tennessee lacks state recognition criteria.

Response: The proposed recognition criteria rules, if enacted, would convey minority status of any tribes recognized by the Commission of Indian Affairs. See Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-34-202.

Comment: A commenter suggested doing away with TNNAC and their non-profit status, doing away with ACTIA and their non-profit status, and doing away completely with the Commission of Indian Affairs. The Commenter desires the establishment of a new Tennessee Council of Indian Affairs (like the State of Virginia) to manage recognition in Tennessee. The commenter is against the present system because of the lack of State Control, and believes that State Control is necessary to prevent system being controlled by outside sources.

Response: As previously discussed, the Commission of Indian Affairs is currently undergoing sunset review by the Joint Operations Committee and will cease to exist as a state agency on June 30, 2010 if the agency is sunset. However, the state lacks the ability to terminate the Tennessee Native American Convention (TNNAC) or the Advisory Council on Tennessee Indian Affairs (ACTIA) or to declare the taxation status as other than what TNNAC or ACTIA have undertaken as private organizations.

Comment: A commenter suggested adding definitions to the rules for the terms "Band or Tribe," "Nation," "Community," and "Area of Known Historical Occupancy" and provide suggested language for those definitions.

Response: The Commission finds the definition in the proposed rule to be sufficient at this time.

Comment: One commenter submitted language designed to amend Title 4 of the statute.

Response: Amending state law is beyond the capability of the Commission of Indian Affairs and the Commission suggests the commenter take the suggested statutory language to the Tennessee General Assembly.

Regulatory Flexibility Addendum

Pursuant to Public Chapter 464 of the 105th General Assembly, prior to initiating the rule making process as described in § 4-5-202(a)(3) and § 4-5-202(a), all agencies shall conduct a review of whether a proposed rule or rule affects small businesses.

(If applicable, insert Regulatory Flexibility Addendum here)

- (1) Type or types of small business and an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed rule that would bear the cost of, and/or directly benefit from the proposed rule:

The proposed rule would conceivably result in conferring legal minority status to citizens who are able to satisfy the necessary requirements for being recognized as members of a tribe by the State of Tennessee. The tangential connection to small business administration applications presented by the proposed rule is that of the assurances to minority-owned businesses provided by Title VI and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987. These laws, through legally-required implementation protocol (TDEC and EPA name this "Fair Share Objectives"), requires local and state governments that receive federal money to establish systems of due diligence in actively soliciting the participation of minority business enterprises ("MBE's") in fulfilling government contracts. While no precise quota is required in complying with Title VI, guidance typically aims to employ the services of MBE's for at least 10 percent minority share of government contractual goods and services.

- (2) The projected reporting, recordkeeping and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed rule, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the report or record:

Because the Commission of Indian Affairs is prevented from using the General Fund by Tennessee Code Ann. § 4-34-105, the costs of the recognition review process will necessarily be paid by money raised by donative transfers on behalf of the Commission of Indian Affairs.

- (3) A statement of the probable effect on impacted small businesses and consumers:

Because of the possible increase in the number of minority business enterprises due to the benefits conferred by the proposed rule, it is possible that the rule could increase competition in the small business community.

- (4) A description of any less burdensome, less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose and/or objectives of the proposed rule that may exist, and to what extent, such alternative means might be less burdensome to small business:

No alternatives are known.

- (5) A comparison of the proposed rule with any federal or state counterparts:

The proposed state rule for tribal recognition were patterned after 25 CFR 83.7.

- (6) Analysis of the effect of the possible exemption of small business from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed rule:

Because the proposed rule only deals with the criteria for tribal recognition, it does not apply specifically to small businesses.

Additional Information Required by Joint Government Operations Committee

All agencies, upon filing a rule, must also submit the following pursuant to TCA 4-5-226(i)(1).

- (A) A brief summary of the rule and a description of all relevant changes in previous regulations effectuated by such rule;

This rulemaking consists of a proposal to adopt Rules 0785-01-.01 through .05 of Rule Chapter 0785-01 Recognition Criteria for Native American Indians. These proposed rules are word-for-word the same as the rules that were effective on June 24, 2007 and remained in effect until they were Repealed on May 13, 2008.

- (B) A citation to and brief description of any federal law or regulation or any state law or regulation mandating promulgation of such rule or establishing guidelines relevant thereto;

The Commission of Indian Affairs is charged with the statutory duty imposed by Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-34-103(6) to "[e]stablish appropriate procedures to provide for legal recognition by the state of presently unrecognized tribes, nations, groups, communities or individuals, and to provide for official state recognition by the commission of such."

- (C) Identification of persons, organizations, corporations or governmental entities most directly affected by this rule, and whether those persons, organizations, corporations or governmental entities urge adoption or rejection of this rule;

Naturally, people of Native American descent will be the only parties affected by this proposed rule. There appears to be strong support of the proposed rule from Tennessee citizens of Native American descent who wish to receive recognition for themselves and their communities. The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma is the only federally-recognized tribe that has maintained a presence in Tennessee to oppose enactment of the recognition criteria rule. From within the state, some Native American communities and individuals have expressed opposition to the rule for a variety of stated reasons. Please refer to the public comments section for their specific concerns.

- (D) Identification of any opinions of the attorney general and reporter or any judicial ruling that directly relates to the rule;

Op. Tenn. Att'y Gen. No. 07-21 (February 27, 2007) opines that the State of Tennessee has the authority to recognize tribes so long as no conflict exists between federal and state laws governing such recognition.

- (E) An estimate of the probable increase or decrease in state and local government revenues and expenditures, if any, resulting from the promulgation of this rule, and assumptions and reasoning upon which the estimate is based. An agency shall not state that the fiscal impact is minimal if the fiscal impact is more than two percent (2%) of the agency's annual budget or five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), whichever is less;

There is no foreseeable increase or decrease in state and local government revenues and expenditures that would result from enactment of the proposed rule.

- (F) Identification of the appropriate agency representative or representatives, possessing substantial knowledge and understanding of the rule;

Alan Leiserson, Legal Services Director (532-0131)
Mark James, Assistant General Counsel (532-0131)

- (G) Identification of the appropriate agency representative or representatives who will explain the rule at a scheduled meeting of the committees;

Alan M. Leiserson
Legal Services Director
Alan.Leiserson@tn.gov

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

- (H) Office address and telephone number of the agency representative or representatives who will explain the rule at a scheduled meeting of the committees; and

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- (I) Any additional information relevant to the rule proposed for continuation that the committee requests.

Although Representative Kernel, during the August 1, 2006 review of the then-existing recognition criteria rule, advised the Commission of Indian Affairs to reconsider said rule, the Commission elected by resolution to re-enact said rule at the behest of the Advisory Council on Tennessee Indian Affairs.

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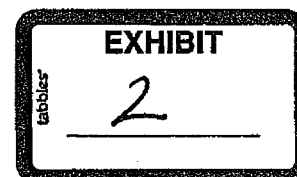
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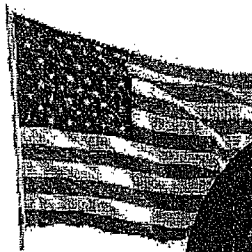
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Date, Time and Location TBD

Closing Public comments

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THIRTY PAGES



ITS OFFICIAL - Members of Lawrence County's Central Band of Cherokee proudly display the Certificate of Recognition issued through the Tennessee Council of Indian Affairs, designating the local group as a Tennessee State Recognized American Indian Tribe. Pictured left to right: Tribal member Jim Jones, Tribal Secretary June Lytespirit, Chief Warrior Bobby Black Cloud Thomason, Tribal Treasurer Joy Little Wild Flower Johnson, Principal Chief Joe Sitting Owl White, Chief Band Chief Buddy Mountain Man Massey. *HoJo photo*



Local Native American group officially recognized

Sandi Mashburn and LaShawn Baxter contributed

A group of local residents of Native American lineage received word late last week that their efforts have proven fruitful; the Central Band of Cherokee has gained official recognition as a "Tennessee State Recognized American Indian Tribe."

On Friday the Central Band received word from the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs (TCIA) that six tribes have been officially recognized, including: Cherokee Wolf Clan, Chikamaka Band, Central Band of Cherokee, United Eastern Lenape Nation of Winfield, TN, Tanasi Council, and Remnant Yuchi Nation. The local group issued

a statement that reads as follows:

"After the passing of more than two decades, the Tennessee Council of Indian Affairs fulfilled its state mandated duty specified in T.C.A. 4-34-103 [6] by providing official state legal recognition to Tennessee's existing indigenous Indian tribes, long disenfranchised by centuries of government Indian policies and politics."

Principal Chief Joe White issued a statement Monday, saying, "After eleven years of intense research and documentation our petition for recognition was accepted as meeting and exceeding all of the required recognition criteria; the same required

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Continuing budget, tax rate on agenda

By LaShawn Baxter

A continuing budget and certified tax rate are just two items up for a vote at the Lawrence County Commission's upcoming special session.

tal funds and approving a school system energy loan from the state's excess lottery funds.

The commission meets Tuesday at five at the

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property (55%). In addition to the property value, the other determinant of the final tax bill is the tax rate, expressed as an amount per \$100 of assessed value, which is adopted by county commissions and city councils each year after considering their annual budgets. Taxpayers can discuss or complain about property value at the office of the assessor and the county board of equalization, usually during May or June of the year, and they can discuss or complain about the tax rate at the office or meetings of their county commissioners or city councilmen or aldermen, beginning usually in July of the year.

The law requires that land and buildings be revalued for property tax purposes at least every six years (sometimes more often) because actual property values change at different rates in different parts of the county. Unless the assessor's recorded values change with these actual rates of change in value, the tax as a percentage of the actual value will be easier for one homeowner's business than for another owner of the same type property.

CERTIFIED TAX RATES

Higher values during a reappraisal do not necessarily mean higher taxes. The law requires the counties and cities to reexamine property tax rates after a reappraisal to make sure higher taxable values do not automatically result in a tax increase. Known as the certified tax rate law or "truth-in-taxation", the law requires local governments to conduct public hearings before adopting a property tax rate that generates more taxes overall in a reappraisal year than were billed the year before at the previous year's lower values. If the new tax rate following a revaluation does not exceed the certified rate, the average tax

bill may actually remain the same. If the property value increased as the result of the revaluation more than the average, the taxes may be somewhat higher, while if the value increased less than the average, the tax bill may actually be lower in a revaluation year compared to the year before.

Once a certified rate is calculated by the assessor and chief executive of the tax jurisdiction, and reviewed by the State Board of Equalization, it is submitted to the jurisdiction's governing body for formal determination, usually for consideration with the budget. If the budget will require an increase above the certified rate, the governing

body must publish notice of a public hearing on whether to exceed the certified rate and then may proceed to adopt an actual tax rate after the hearing. If the certified tax rate is exceeded, the jurisdiction must send the State Board of Equalization an affidavit of publication for the hearing notice, and a certified copy of the final tax rate ordinance or resolution.

Questions about the certified tax rate law may be directed to the State Board of Equalization at (615) 401-7883, or e-mailed to sb.web@tn.gov.

Source: Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury's website: www.tn.gov/comptroller.

Brown announces candidacy ...

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professional, and efficient department with a courteous and efficient administrative support staff. We will work to provide a fast and professional response to calls. I will assign patrol units to sections in order to reduce response times to calls.

*My staff and I will work diligently and partner with

other agencies from the local level to the federal level to fight the growing drug problem.

*I will assign full-time personnel to eliminate the back log of criminal and civil warrants and summons that now exist.

*I will always do my best to make fair decisions for all concerned.

I would like to humbly ask each and every citizen for your vote and support in the August 5th General Election. I welcome your questions and concerns as the election approaches. I look forward to meeting and talking to as many of you as possible. You and I together CAN make a difference.

- Jimmy Brown

Local native American group ...

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criteria as required by the (U.S.) Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"We are very thankful for all of the assistance and support of the New TCIA Commissioners,

the Governor of the State of Tennessee, Ron Ramsey, Vice Governor, and Speaker of the House, State Representative Dr. Joey Hensley, Senator Doug Jackson, and many other senators and State of Tennessee Representatives.

"The Central Band of Cherokee gives all of the praise and glory to 'The Great White Seat Above,' his Holy Son and the Holy

Spirit."

Not since the Trail of Tears has another tribe been recognized. Lawrence County Tourism Director Gail Hughes calls the recognition a great accomplishment for the tribe which took hard work and extensive research.

Catch a replay of the History Channel special on the Cherokee Museum Saturday at 4 p.m.

S'town home lost to fire

A Maple Lane home in Summertown was destroyed by fire Monday night. According to Sheriff's Department Fire Investigator Jamie Kiddy, the homeowner, David Chapman, had just mowed the yard, put the mower up and went to play golf. He received a call about 7:30 from a neighbor saying his home was on fire. Kiddy says the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Davis coming to town

U.S. Rep. Lincoln Davis will be hosting a public meeting in Lawrence County on Wednesday, July 7 at 4p.m. at the Lawrence County Courthouse. Davis will be here to listen and to discuss issues with the public.

Alabama to create I-22

The largest highway construction project in Alabama history, at \$171 million dollars, will provide a quicker route from Birmingham through northern Mississippi to Memphis. Corridor X is supposed to become Interstate 22 when all work is finished. Work is expected to begin by the end of July. The project is supposed to be completed in October 2014.

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*Kittens and mother, calico and orange, black and white and black. Call 762-8201. (6-23,27,30)

*Blue heeler mix, six months old. Call 629-0708. (6-23,27,30)

*Three small black lab mix pups, three to five months old, to good homes. Call 766-9977. (6-20,23,27)

*Kittens, three adorable six-week-old kittens, Siamese, flame-point Siamese and calico and white in color. Call 242-4487. (6-16,20,23)

*Two female cats, declawed and spayed, need stable environment, loving cats. Call 829-4671 or 231-5769. (6-16,20,23)

*Kittens, all colors. Call 762-3777. (6-16,20,23)

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*Available for adoption if not claimed - full-blooded husky, beautiful, young adult. Call 256-856-8703. (6-16,20,23)

LOST:

stripe with orange under belly. Lost June 18th from Maple Avenue in Ethridge. Call 829-2445. (6-23,27,30)

*Male black schnauzer, from Brace Road in Summertown, two kids' dog, very missed. Call 931-477-5321. (6-16,20,23)



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Valerie Ohle, James Meeks, Mark James, Charles Lawson

Sent: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 19:13:08 +0000 (UTC)

Subject: Applicants

To all applicants for recognition,

I come with greetings to each of you. I am sure it is a pleasure to you and I know a pleasure to the Commission to be able to begin this process. If you are not aware, we will hold our first Review Committee Meeting on February 20, 2010 after the regular Tennessee Commission on Indian Affairs meeting. Let me strongly suggest that you have your paperwork ready to be reviewed at this meeting. Otherwise, it will be reviewed at the next meeting scheduled in March, 2010.

The current appointed Review Committee members are:

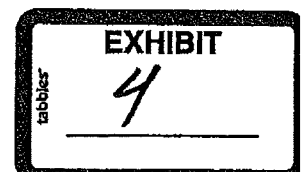
Alice Henry, James Meeks and Christine Goddard**

**Note: I shall make appointment changes to this committee to maintain unbiased observations towards applicants and to keep transparency towards all applicants. Only Commissioners will be on the Review Committee.

Let me assure each and everyone that copies of your application and documents shall not be distributed to anyone outside the Commission. That will not be tolerated.

I wish each and everyone one of you the best. Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact me or your Commissioner directly. May God bless.

Tamera Hicks



IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

MARK GREENE,

Plaintiff,

v.

TENNESSEE COMMISSION OF
INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Defendant.

No. _____

AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT D. TUKE

STATE OF TENNESSEE)


COUNTY OF DAVIDSON)

ROBERT D. TUKE, being duly sworn, states:

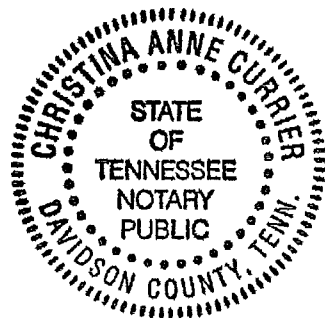
1. I am an adult and have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
2. I am counsel for the Cherokee Nation.
3. On or about June 15, 2010, I telephoned Mark James, an attorney employed by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and counsel to the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs, regarding the agenda for the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs' June 19, 2010 meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
4. I asked Mr. James whether he had any reason to believe the Commission would be taking up tribal or band recognition in light of this vague tentative agenda.
5. He responded that he had received no indication that such action would be taken.
6. I asked him if he would please let me know if he learned anything different about the substance of the meeting, and he said he would do so.

7. I did not hear back from him on this matter before the meeting on June 19, 2010.

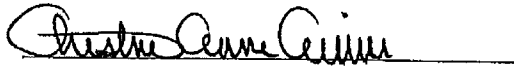
The affiant says nothing further.


Robert D. Tuke

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME
on this 30th day of June, 2010, to
certify which witness my hand and
my seal.

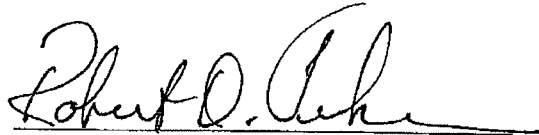


My Commission Expires NOV. 7, 2011


Notary Public

My commission expires: 11/7/11

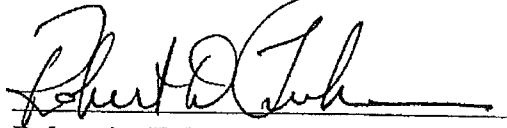
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I served a copy of the foregoing Affidavit of Robert D. Tuke on Robert E. Cooper, Jr., Attorney General & Reporter, at 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee 37202, counsel for the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs, by hand delivery, today, June 30, 2010.



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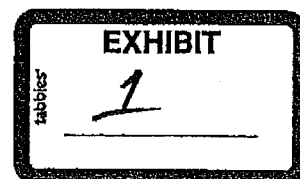
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